# Order of Service

#### **Introduction and Opening Prayers**

**All:** **Merciful Father, hear our prayers and comfort us; renew our trust in your Son, whom you raised from the dead; strengthen our faith that all who have died in the love of Christ will share in his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**  **Amen**

**Hymn:** Abide with me; fast falls the eventide:

the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:

when other helpers fail, and comforts flee,

help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;

earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;

change and decay in all around I see:

O thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour;

what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?

Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?

Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;

ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness,

Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?

I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;

shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:

heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;

in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

**The Scriptural Reading:** 1 Peter 1. 3-9 read by David

**The Address** including Eulogy by Nigel

**The Prayers and Lord’s Prayer:**

*After “Lord, in your mercy”, please respond by saying: “****Hear our prayer”***

## After the final section:

All: God of mercy, entrusting into your hands all that you have made and rejoicing in our communion with all your faithful people, we make our prayers through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

All: Our Father, who art in heaven ...

**Hymn:**

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| 1 | I, the Lord of sea and sky,  I have heard my people cry.  All who dwell in dark and sin  my hand will save.  I who made the stars of night,  I will make their darkness bright.  Who will bear my light to them?  Whom shall I send? | 2 | I the Lord of snow and rain,  I have borne my people’s pain.  I have wept for love of them.  They turn away.  I will break their hearts of stone,  give them hearts for love alone.  I will speak my word to them.  Whom shall I send? |
|  | *Here I am, Lord. Is it I Lord?*  *I have heard you calling in the night.*  *I will go Lord, if you lead me.*  *I will hold your people in my heart.* | 3 | I, the Lord of wind and flame,  I will tend the poor and lame.  I will set a feast for them.  My hand will save.  Finest bread I will provide  till their hearts are satisfied.  I will give my life to them.  Whom shall I send? |

**The Commendation:** *(please remain standing)*

**All: Heavenly Father, in your Son Jesus Christ you have given us a true faith and a sure hope. Strengthen this faith and hope in us all our days, that we may live as those who believe in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins and the resurrection to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**